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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: FURTHER ON SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ZAMBIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE TOLD THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY, ZANA, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ZAIRE MORNING OF AUGUST 25 THAT THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS "DISAPPOINTED" WITH THE CONTACT GROUP'S FAILURE TO PUT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO CALL OFF THE ATTACK ON SESHEKE AND WITHDRAW HER FORCES FROM ZAMBIAN SOIL. HE SAID ZAMBIAN TROOPS ARE STILL LOCKED IN REPULSING THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON SESHEKE.

2. MWALE, WHO IS LEADING A 22-MAN DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE SECOND ZAMBIA-ZAIRE PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION, CHARGED THAT
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SOUTH AFRICA INSTITUTED THE RAID IN ORDER TO FORCE ZAMBIA TO CALL IN OUTSIDE HELP AND INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. HE SAID ZAMBIA, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE FORCED BY WHAT THE REPORTEDLY TERMED "WILD MILITARY ATTACKS FROM PANICKY RACIST TROOPS" TO HASTILY CALL IN OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WHICH MAY TURN

ZAMBIA INTO A BATTLEFIELD. HE THEN REFERRED TO EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT ZAMBIA HAD A RIGHT TO BRING IN OUTSIDERS IF THE SECURITY SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. "ANYTHING WE START HAS TO BE SOMETHING WE CAN CONTEND WITH SO THAT ZAMBIA IS NOT TURNED INTO A BATTLEFIELD FOR AN EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION."
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